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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 72

Introduced by Assembly Member Dymally

December 4, 2006

An act to amend Section 51221.4 of the Education Code, relating to curriculum.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AB 72, as amended, Dymally. Curriculum: social science.

Under existing law, the adopted course of study for grades 7 to 12, inclusive, is required to include instruction in social science, ~~as prescribed. Existing law permits the.~~ *The* required social science instruction *is permitted* to include instruction on World War II and the American role in that war. ~~Existing law encourages~~ *Statutory provisions encourage* that instruction to include a component drawn from personal testimony of American soldiers who were involved in World War II and those men and women who contributed to the war effort on the homefront.

~~Existing law encourages~~

Statutory provisions also encourage the required instruction in social science to ~~also~~ include instruction on the Vietnam War, including the “Secret War” in Laos; and the role of Southeast Asians in that war. ~~Existing law additionally encourages~~ *Those provisions encourage* that instruction to include a component drawn from personal testimony of Southeast Asians who were involved in the Vietnam War and those who contributed to the war effort on the homefront. ~~Existing law specifies that this instruction shall be carried out in~~ *School districts are required to implement the instruction in* a manner that does not result

~~in any the imposition of new duties or programs imposed on school districts.~~

~~This bill would require the encourage instruction in social science for grades 7 to 12, inclusive, to include instruction on World War II and the role of Filipinos in that war, as specified. This bill would make the requirement applicable when the curriculum materials to be used for compliance are purchased by a school district in its normal course of business and purchasing cycles.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 51221.4 of the Education Code is
2 amended to read:
3 51221.4. (a) The Legislature encourages instruction in the area
4 of social science, as required pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section
5 51220, ~~which may~~ to include instruction on the Vietnam War
6 including the “Secret War” in Laos and the role of Southeast Asians
7 in that war. The Legislature encourages that this instruction include,
8 but not be limited to, a component drawn from personal testimony,
9 especially in the form of oral or video histories of Southeast Asians
10 who were involved in the Vietnam War and those men and women
11 who contributed to the war effort on the homefront. The oral
12 histories used as a part of the instruction regarding the role of
13 Southeast Asians in the Vietnam War and the “Secret War” in
14 Laos shall exemplify the personal sacrifice and courage of the
15 wide range of ordinary citizens who were called upon to participate
16 and provide intelligence for the United States. The oral histories
17 shall contain the views and comments of their subjects regarding
18 the reasons for their participation in the war. These oral histories
19 shall also solicit comments from their subjects regarding the
20 aftermath of the war and the immigration of Southeast Asians to
21 the United States.
22 (b) (1) The *Legislature encourages the* instruction required
23 pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 51220 ~~shall~~ to include
24 instruction on World War II and the role of Filipinos in that war.
25 ~~The instruction shall include~~ *consisting of* an accurate history of
26 the contributions of the Filipino American veterans who fought
27 courageously in the United States Army for freedom and

1 democracy in World War II, under the leadership of General
2 Douglas MacArthur.

3 (2) The Legislature encourages that the instruction ~~required~~
4 ~~pursuant to described in~~ paragraph (1) include a component drawn
5 from personal testimony, especially in the form of oral or video
6 histories of Filipinos who were involved in World War II and those
7 men and women who contributed to the war effort on the
8 homefront. The oral histories used as a part of the instruction
9 regarding the role of Filipinos in World War II ~~shall exemplify~~
10 *are encouraged to do all of the following:*

11 (A) *Exemplify* the personal sacrifice and courage of the wide
12 range of ordinary citizens who were called upon to participate and
13 to provide intelligence for the United States. ~~The oral histories~~
14 ~~shall contain~~

15 (B) *Contain* the views and comments of their subjects regarding
16 the reasons for their participation in the war. ~~These oral histories~~
17 ~~shall also solicit~~

18 (C) *Solicit* comments from their subjects regarding the aftermath
19 of the war and the immigration of Filipinos to the United States.

20 ~~(3) This subdivision shall be applicable when the curriculum~~
21 ~~materials to be used for compliance are purchased by a school~~
22 ~~district in its normal course of business and purchasing cycles.~~

23 (c) This section shall be carried out in a manner that does not
24 result in any new duties or programs being imposed on the school
25 district. In that regard, the Legislature finds and declares that this
26 section, ~~including paragraph (1) of subdivision (b),~~ does not
27 mandate costs to local agencies or school districts, and materials
28 used to comply with this section shall be part of normal curriculum
29 materials purchased by school districts in their normal course of
30 business and purchasing cycles.